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A.—(*a*) The provision in the budget for 1927-28 was Rs. 2,92,900.
(*b*) Rupees 1,14,800 was spent and Rs. 1,78,100 surrendered.
(*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the budget estimates of the relevant years.

Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai :—" With reference to clause (*b*), may I know when this large amount was surrendered, and why ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur : —" As I pointed out in my speech in the general debate the department of the Labour Commissioner has to be reorganized. We began work in one or two districts and we have got now about seventeen or eighteen districts and it is impossible to carry on more work with the present staff. So the question of reorganization of the department will soon be under the consideration of the Government."

Mr. M. V. Gangadhara Siva :—" How long since is the question of reorganization under the consideration of the Government ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" It will soon be taken up."

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabapathi Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether applications for grants for a similar purpose were received from municipalities ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" Notice of the question, Sir. "

Government Press

Memorial from the Madras Government Press piece-workers.

* 1703 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received memorials from the Madras Government Press piece-workers in respect of their pay, leave, pension, etc. ;

(*b*) whether orders have been passed on them ; if so, what they are ; and

(*c*) if not, whether they will be pleased to give effect to the increase now as prayed for in their memorials ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have sanctioned the grant of the following concessions to piece-work compositors in the Government Press :—

(i) Hill allowances to men taken to Ootacamund on the scale allowed to other employees of the Government Press, the concession of rent-free quarters previously admissible to those whose average earnings amounted to Rs. 25 or more being withdrawn.

(ii) Permission to count as service qualifying for pension Sundays and other holidays admissible to employees in the Press and, subject to maximum of 15 days in a year, the period of authorized casual leave without allowances actually taken.

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Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR :—" With reference to clause (i) of the answer to (b) and (c), may I know whether it applies to those who are in Madras ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR :—" May I know whether the Government propose to revise the pay of those who work in Madras ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No, Sir."

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR :—" Why, Sir ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" There is no special reason, Sir."

Police

Expenditure for maintaining peace in the Madras City on 26th February 1928.

* 1704 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the expenditure specially incurred by the Government of Madras on 26th February 1928 for maintaining peace in the Madras City, and for other arrangements to counteract the intended hartal on the arrival of the Simon Commission ?

A.—The Government have no information ; they have called for it.

Civil Justice

Increased pay for process-servers and amins.

* 1705 Q.—MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what the Government have decided in the matter of increasing the pay of process-servers and amins ;

(b) whether they have received a memorial from the process-servers of the Sub-Judge's Court, Ootacamund ;

(c) what order has been passed upon that memorial ; and

(d) whether Government will take any steps and, if so, what steps to see that the order passed by the High Court in D. Dis. No. 183 of 1927, dated 26th February 1927, barring the promotion of a process-server to the grade of an amin is cancelled ?

A.—(a) & (c) The Government have not yet arrived at a final decision in the matter.

(b) Yes.

(d) Under the Madras Civil Courts Act, sections 22 and 23, the Government have no power to interfere in the matter.